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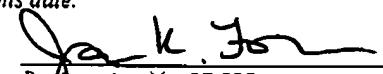
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akihiro Inomata
 Serial No.: 10/~~035~~ 692,035
 Conf. No.: 6447
 Filed: 10/23/2003
 For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM
 AND MAGNETIC STORAGE
 APPARATUS
 Art Unit: 1773
 Examiner: Rickman, Holly C.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)
TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE (AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) for withdrawal of the above-named application from issue for consideration of the references cited in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The references cited in the IDS were recently discovered. If the references listed in the IDS are not indicated on the record as having been considered by the Examiner, an issue may arise as to whether the Examiner was aware of the references cited in the IDS.

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Enclosed are the following documents and authorizations:

- (a) Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- (b) Authorization to charge the RCE Filing Fee of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-2069;
- (c) Authorization to charge the Petition fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 07-2069; and
- (d) Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of cited foreign references.

Since all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.313 are believed to have been met, Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted, and that the application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of the references cited in the IDS.

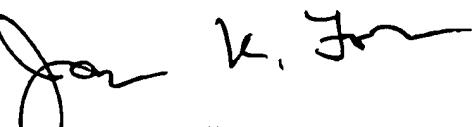
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130.00 Petition Fee and the \$790.00 RCE Fee, and any additional fees, including fees related to any necessary extension of time, and to credit any refunds, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

If necessary, the Office may contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number of record with any questions arising from this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

- (X) Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) to Withdraw From Issue (after Payment of Issue Fee).
- (X) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (in duplicate).
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO1449 with two Japanese references.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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